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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1 through 26 are pending in this application.

The Office Action asserts that an election of a single invention is required, as defined by:

Group I, Claims 1-25, drawn to a method of treating skin; and

Group II, Claim 26, drawn to a cosmetic composition.

Applicants elect to prosecute Claims 1-25 of Group I. Accordingly, Claim 26 (Group II) has been withdrawn without prejudice.

The Examiner has also made an election of species determination between A) particular halogenated salicylic compounds of formula I, and B) particular skin conditions. Applicants elect the species of formula I wherein X is hydrogen; R is hydrogen; and Y<sub>1</sub> and Y<sub>2</sub> are independently Cl, Br, F, or I. Applicants submit that the elected halogenated salicylic species results in a reasonable search and that none of the claims 2 through 25 on which the elected species read are mutually exclusive of the elected species. Applicants further elect enlarged pore size as the skin condition. Claims 2 -21 and 23 read on this elected species.

Consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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